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Mr. Craig Raborn
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RE: Comments on Draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Raborn:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft 2023-2026 TIP project lists posted on H-GAC's website. After reviewing the lists of highway and transit projects, we have the following comments:

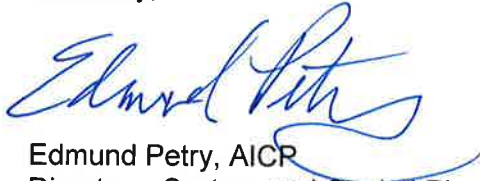
MPOID	PROJECT	COMMENT
17041	Cypress L-ramp	Project sponsor should be changed to TxDOT. The agencies are working on a funding agreement whereby TxDOT will design and construct the project.
18188	2-way HOV on I-69 S from Spur 527 to West Bellfort	Include project in draft transit list as locally funded in FY 2025. Additional comments below.

On January 21, 2022, METRO sent comments to H-GAC confirming a "Let Date" in FY 2025 for the project MPO ID 18188. Because of its implementation date in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, we understood this project would be included in the new TIP. METRO has discussed the project with TxDOT and is working to advance the project into the environmental phase. No changes to the project description or limits are requested at this time so moving this project into the upcoming 2023-26 TIP would not in conflict with H-GAC's most recent conformity determination. Omitting it from the TIP could, in fact, raise questions as to the consistency of the draft TIP with the RTP.

METRO feels that MPOID 18188 was inadvertently left off the transit project listing. As noted above, we request that it be added to the Draft 2023-2026 TIP, consistent with how it is shown in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the project listings for the Draft TIP. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at Edmund.Petry@ridemetro.org

Sincerely,



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